

# **DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER**

**March 11, 2015**

*We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 3rd Concept was read.*

DCM REPORT: Roxie conducted the meeting as DCM. Roll was taken. An information sheet was passed around to updated contact information. The pre-Assembly will be held in Boulder on April 4 and the Area Assembly will be held on April 10-12 in Lewistown. The agenda for the Assembly was passed around the group. If anyone would like a copy please contact Roxie. Other business was discussed as set forth below in this Newsletter.

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes approved. The meeting schedule was circulated and changes were noted. They will appear on the new schedule. Any GSR who wants to recognize members of their group that celebrated a birthday during the month in this Newsletter are requested to submit a written list to the Secretary.

TREASURER REPORT: John reported. WELCOME BACK JOHN!!! A financial report covering the period from January 15, 2015 to March 11, 2015 was circulated. The balance in the account is \$4012.66 which includes an \$850.00 prudent reserve.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Contact information for committee chairs can be found on our A.A. schedule.*

*Times and places for correctional/treatment meetings can be found at [www.aa-montana.org](http://www.aa-montana.org)*

TREATMENT: Charlie reported. The website for "Bridging the Gap" is ready. Please submit contact information for anyone who wishes to be involved to Charlie. They went to WATCH and CCP. They went to MCDC on the first Monday of the month. Contact Charlie to get involved in carrying the message to these institutions.

CORRECTIONS: Ana reported. Denny was not present. Ana, Denny, and Charlie have applications for jail. They are also available at the Alano Club. There has been some delay in getting applications approved because it is not a priority with jail personnel. The jail meetings are nonetheless going well. The Chief of Police in Anaconda is still denying access to the jail for meetings. The committee meets on the second Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m, at the Alano Club for anyone that is interested. The Corrections Workshop will be discussed. They will try to have an additional meeting or meetings to discuss the Corrections Workshop at more convenient times so people who have to work can attend.

LITERATURE: Shannon reported. She has filled literature racks in Butte. She is making progress on filling the racks in Anaconda and Dillon and is asking local AA members for assistance. She contacted Marcy in Anaconda a Rick in Dillon. She has enough literature to fill remaining racks before needing to order more.

P.I. /C.P.C.: Peggy reported. They are making progress on the Corrections Workshop. (See Old Business)

GRAPEVINE: Zach reported. He is available to help any group or individual obtain a subscription to the Grapevine. Zach again suggested that we sponsor Grapevine subscriptions to jails, MCDC, and other institutions. The group upon motion and assent approved a budget of \$250.00 to purchase Grapevine subscriptions for institutions. Zach will submit orders and John will write the checks. A subscription costs \$28.77 per year. Tom suggested that Grapevine subscriptions could be a project taken on by individual groups.

ARCHIVES: No report.

HOTLINE: No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Roxie's name has been substituted for Peggy's name on the bank account. The issues concerning the keys to the outside door and filing cabinet have been resolved.

A date and site for the Corrections Workshop has been set. It will be held on June 20, 2015 at the Aldergate Methodist Church. The Committee is searching for a specific topic. A list of potential speakers has been created by none have been selected yet, A preliminary budget of \$700.00 was approved for the workshop. We are looking forward to hearing further details.

The group decided to approved expenditures on a project by project basis instead of requiring each chair to submit yearly budgets.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Area traditionally has provided \$100.00 to help defray expenses for individual committee chairpersons to attend the Assembly in Lewistown. The help is available for anyone who is in need of help. Please contact Roxie concerning this matter.

## **GROUP SHARE**

*All times and places of A.A. meetings are listed on our meeting schedule.*

Whitehall: Bill reported that all is well. Attendance is good. They have some newcomers who they are trying to get involved.

Sheridan Keep It Simple: Ana reported. The meeting is still going well.

Georgetown Lake: Ed reported. Meeting is picking up. Ed requested that the meeting be listed under Anaconda instead of under Georgetown Lake and make update on the website.

Anaconda: Lisa reported that meetings are going well. Large group of people are in sobriety and are doing well. There are several members in early sobriety that seem to be doing well.

Control is an Illusion: Tom reported that things are going well. Meetings have grown to 18-20 people. Tuesday is a soup meeting and 20 to 25 people generally attend. The group held a 4<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop at St. Ann's on March 14. It went well.

Promises: Robin reported. Attendance is good.

Sunday Morning Breakfast Group: Fred reported. Attendance has been improving. Took a dip last week due to the switch to Daylight Savings time.

Keep it Simple: No report.

Dillon Wednesday Big Book: No report.

Twin Bridges: Roxie reported that group is awesome. 5-10 people. Real good AA.

Newscomers 123: Charlie reported. This meeting men's meeting hosts 25 to 30 men from CCP. The meeting is going well. More outside members are encouraged to attend.

Galena St.: No report.

Live and Let Live: Brent reported. The group is well attended; 20-25 people, and seems to be thriving. They will have a business meeting March 12.

Opportunity Group (Castle Meeting): Teyrl reported the group is doing well. The group reaches out to WATCH guys and people living at the Castle (sober living). They will only have dinner on the first Tuesday of the month instead of every Tuesday. Meeting is at 7:00 pm. Snacks will be provided when no dinner is served.

**B I R T H D A Y S**

No Birthdays were reported. Happy birthday to all our birthday people this month!

The next business meeting will be held at Saint Ann's school on the second Wednesday of next month, April 8, 2015 at 7:10 p.m.

*We closed with the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.*